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Birmingham Accident Hospital and Rehabilitation Centre.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF MANAGEMENT

For the Twelve Months ended 31st December, 1944.

Fourth Annual Report

The year 1944 saw brought to fruition the first of the Board's schemes; namely, the adaptation of the buildings of the " Queen's Hospital " for the special purposes of a comprehensive accident service. The Out-Patient Department of unique design opened in August ; the new Burns' Unit incorporating a number of distinctive features was put into use for battle casualties at the end of August ; and the new Ward for short stay cases was opened in December. These increased facilities are reflected in the greater number of patients and of patients' attendances.

New Out-Patient Department

On the 14th August the Rt. Hon. H. U. Willink, K.C., M.P., Minister of Health, honoured the Hospital by opening the new Out-Patient Department in the presence of Mr. George Tomlinson, M.P., Parliamentary Private Secretary to the Ministry of Labour and National Service, the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress of Birmingham, Members of the Board and some 350 guests.

In the new Department is provided every modern facility required for the immediate treatment of accident cases. New patients are segregated from returning patients in an admission suite, containing seven separate cubicles for the private examination of patients. Adjoining are four rooms as follows : a radiographic diagnostic room with attached dark room for processing films ; two operating theatres ; and a fracture and plaster theatre with special equipment for the reduction of fractures. Near the suite, but separate from it for greater quietness, is a shock room for patients requiring blood transfusion and other methods of resuscitation.

For returning patients three separate self-contained departments are provided, consisting of :

(1) A Clinic where fractures and more serious types of injuries are seen by senior surgeons. The Clinic consists of two consulting rooms, waiting room, radiographic diagnostic room and a modern plaster room of unique design.

(2) A dressing clinic for the continuity of treatment of the soft tissue injuries, comprising an examination room and a suite of three dressing stations. All of these are designed to minimise the risk of infection and cross infection in wound dressing.

(3) A well-equipped and spacious gymnasium, where physical re-education and re-development of injured limbs is undertaken.

In the waiting hall a canteen has been provided for the convenience of the patients. The cost was defrayed by a gift of £263 8s. 6d. from members of the 1st Central Reserve Ambulance Depot No. 20 (Car Park) of the City of Birmingham Air-Raid Precautions Department.

Burns Unit

During the year a Unit of two wards was adapted for the treatment of burns. This Unit is under the joint direction of the Clinical Director and the distinguished Bacteriologist, Dr. Leonard Colebrook, who has been seconded for this purpose by the Medical Research Council. The Unit now consists of: (*a*) Four wards of eight beds each; (*b*) Shock room; (*c*) Metabolism investigation room; (*d*) First treatment room; (*e*) Air-conditioned room to provide bacteriologically "clean" air for wound dressing; and (*f*) A saline bath annexe.

This Unit was put into action in August for the treatment of Service casualties and a few civilian cases. Now, however, the Unit is ready to receive cases of civilians, men, women or children, who are suffering from burns.

The Board takes this opportunity of welcoming Dr. Colebrook and his assistants to the Hospital.

Day Ward

The problem of the short stay cases was mentioned in the last Report. They are patients admitted to a ward for less than 24 hours. The solution of the problem was urgent as such cases represent about 9 per cent. of the total number of patients. Accordingly, a ground floor ward near the Out-Patient Department has been adapted, providing sixteen beds for men and ten beds for women.

In announcing these new facilities, the Board thinks that an explanation regarding the prolonged stay in hospital on the occasion of the out-patient's first visit to hospital would be welcomed by patients, patients' relatives, and employers.

Not all patients of the Hospital require an operation; but those that do are a high proportion, approximately 40 per cent. The majority require an X-ray photograph of the injured part; sometimes to confirm and amplify the surgeon's opinion; sometimes to exclude a fracture in arriving at a diagnosis. Although this procedure is rapid, it does take time. Of the patients requiring operation, one half can be operated on under a local anæsthetic. This offers no great medical problem and the waiting time for operation will be comparatively short. Conditions requiring a general anæsthetic are quite different. Modern surgery demands general anæsthesia for many types of cases for which local anæsthesa was considered adequate a few years ago. For general anæsthesia the patient must be given time to digest his last meal and to be prepared for operation. This time may vary from 1½ hours to 6½ hours. After the operation the patient must rest in bed for two or more hours till he recovers from the anæsthetic. He is then permitted to go home. The total stay in Hospital for such cases may be as short as five hours, but generally will be much more. It must be recognized, however, that only by adopting this procedure can modern surgical treatment be carried out.

Review of Year's Work

In reviewing the year's work the following figures for 1943 and 1944 reflect the better facilities available for rehabilitation in the year 1944:

		1943		1944
In-patients admitted		2,072		2,109
New patients		20,769		22,273
Casualty attendances	99,600		104,900	
Rehabilitation Department attendances ..	46,326		75,081	
		145,926		179,981
Operations		8,039		8,669
Day Ward (short stay) cases		2,541		2,001

Wound Infection Unit

The Medical Research Council Wound Infection Unit has continued to develop the technique of investigation of various methods —old and new—for the treatment of small wounds. With the help of the surgical staff of the hospital a careful test has been made of the value of some sulphonamide drugs in preventing wound infection. Over 7,000 specimens from about 700 patients have been examined. In addition to the evidence on the value of

the particular methods of treatment under test, a considerable amount of information has been accumulated. It is expected that this will eventually lead to a comprehensive picture of the origin of some of the types of wound infection. Surveys in factory surgeries have also been continued. Arising from these surveys the Unit, in collaboration with industrial nurses, has worked out a routine for wound dressings in factory surgeries. This routine is based on the same principles which governed the design of the new dressing station in the Hospital Out-Patient Department.

Rehabilitation

The Gymnasium has been in full use during 1944, and an average of 150 patients have used it daily. Massage and electro-therapy are still housed in a hut at the rear of the hospital. The Occupational Therapy Department is temporarily accommodated in a Ward at some distance from the Gymnasium. In spite of the obvious difficulties of administering these three sections, separated as they are by considerable distances, the total number of Rehabilitation Department attendances during 1944 was 75,081.

The Board is pleased to announce that a Building Licence has been granted to carry out alterations in the rooms adjacent to the Gymnasium and in two disused wards on the same floor in another building. When these alterations are complete it will be possible for patients to proceed to the Massage Department, from there to the Gymnasium, and then on to Occupational Therapy, for all these departments will be on the one floor and intercommunicating. Between the Gymnasium and Occupational Therapy Department a patients' rest room is being provided with facilities for serving meals to those who require them.

The Hospital Saturday Fund gift referred to in the previous annual report covered the cost of equipping the Gymnasium and the Massage Department. The cost of the adaptations of the building to provide the Massage Department has been defrayed by a gift of £2,000 from the City of Birmingham Fire Guard Service Cot Fund. This cheque, with another for £380, was handed over by the Rt. Hon. Herbert Morrison, M.P., Minister of Home Security, at a meeting in the Town Hall on 7th October.

Some of the specialized apparatus in the Admission Department for treatment of fractures has been presented by the Austin Motor Company, Limited.

With the opening of the last of the Wards which it is intended to use for In-patients, the bed complement is now 210, made up as follows: **Bed Complement**

Male beds	113
Female beds	66
Children's beds and cots	31
	210

Of the beds allotted to women patients twenty-two cannot be used for women for the time being as they are occupied by battle casualties.

On 22nd June—sixteen days after "D" Day—there was received the first convoy of Battle casualties, air-borne from Normandy. **Battle Casualties**

Altogether eleven convoys, making a total of 183 wounded, were received during the year. The great majority of these were long stay cases; some of them remained as patients for as long as six months.

The Board wishes to put on record that they and the staff have felt it a very great privilege and honour to be permitted to help those who were wounded in the fight for freedom and who have deserved so well of their country.

Of the seventeen candidates entered for the first time for the Preliminary State Examination, thirteen passed both parts while two were successful in one part. Of three re-entries, two were successful in both parts. **Student Nurses**

The prize for the best student nurse for her year, judged on both theoretical and practical tests, was Nurse Jean Wyld. The Lord Mayor on the occasion of his visit to the Hospital on 23rd December, presented this prize. The second prize was awarded to Nurse Violet Colgan.

During the year sixteen student nurses transferred to general hospitals to complete their training as follows: Queen Elizabeth Hospital, 3; General Hospital, 5; Selly Oak Hospital, 6; Dudley Road Hospital, 2.

As a result of the restrictions imposed on trained Nurses by the Ministry of Labour and National Service, the number of resident students for the Industrial Nursing Course fell during the early part of the year. Later in the year, however, the number of applications **Industrial Nursing Course**

increased. Three examinations were held (in April, July and December), with the following results:

	Entered.	*Passed.*
Resident Candidates	7	5
Non-resident Candidates	15	11
Re-entries	6	6

Photographic Department

With the appointment of two experienced photographers, the Photographic Department was opened in May. The primary purpose of this Department is to assist the Surgeons by preserving for use at later interviews a clear pictorial record of the original state of the wounded part. This is of the greatest value to the Surgeon in his "follow-up."

Secondly, the department will reduce X-ray films to quarter-plate size photographs, which will be attached to case records. In this way the considerable problem of the storage of X-ray films will be solved, for there will be no necessity to retain the original full-size negatives.

Almoner's Department

The Almoner's work has steadily increased throughout the year. Her activities are largely confined to social service work and liaison with industry, for it should be emphasized that the Almoner's principal duty is to assist the injured patient. In this Hospital patients who are members of a hospital contributory association are treated free without enquiry unless there is reason to believe the income is above £420 per annum. In very few cases is such assessment necessary. In 1944 £2,031 was received from patients in payment for treatment.

Diet

The Board and Staff of the Hospital have given much thought and attention to the feeding of patients and staff. The great majority of patients are healthy, with good appetites, and under war-time conditions it taxes the ingenuity of those concerned to provide varied menus. The Department of Physiology of the Birmingham University was invited to carry out an investigation of the food values of the nurses' diet, which is approximately the same as the patients' diet. The report finished as follows:

> "In conclusion, it is our opinion that the nutritive value of the food supplied to the nurses at the Birmingham Accident Hospital during the period investigated was very satisfactory considering the prevailing conditions."

Expenditure increased greatly during the year, the total ordinary expenditure amounting to £80,303, which, with the extraordinary expenditure of £1,747, made a total expenditure of £82,050. This sum was considerably in excess of the amount budgeted for. The reasons for the increased expenditure are to be found in (1) opening of the new Out-Patient Department in August; (2) opening of additional wards; (3) increased rates of salaries and wages payable under national and local agreements. **Finance**

Income has kept pace with the expenditure, but the Board must point a warning that the largest single contribution, namely £32,994 from the Ministry of Health, will not remain at the same high figure in 1945. The magnitude of this contribution in 1944 was due largely to a temporary cause, namely, battle casualties. Contributions from industry amounted to £19,637 from 1,017 firms; this is an increase of £1,679 compared with 1943. Subscriptions from private persons also showed an increase of £894. The total ordinary income, including £10,000 from the City of Birmingham, amounted to £82,703, resulting in an excess of income over expenditure of £653, which has been deducted from the accumulated deficit of £898, leaving a balance of £245.

In 1945 the Hospital will be in full use for the first time, and with the increased salaries, wages and high costs of material the budgeted expenditure is almost £90,000. Additional support from private persons and industry is essential if a deficit is to be avoided.

The thanks of the Board are extended to the Corporation of the City of Birmingham, Industry, the Birmingham Hospitals Contributory Association, the Hospital Saturday Fund, and private subscribers for their magnificent support.

To those firms who have not contributed hitherto it is suggested that the minimum annual contribution of an industrial concern be calculated on the basis of 2s. per employee per annum, that is, a concern with an average of 500 employees should contribute not less than £50 per annum. Such contributions for maintenance should be allowed as a charge against business profits for taxation purposes, as they will be paid wholly and exclusively for the benefit of the employees.

Capital Appeal

By 14th August, 1944, the sum of £22,457 had been received in cash and promises in response to the appeal for £20,000 launched in February, 1942. In August

a further appeal for the balance of £30,000 was launched, towards which the sum of £11,330 was received in cash and promises, leaving a balance of £16,213 to be found. The result is disappointing, but it is hoped that the requirements of the Hospital will be borne in mind when money is being distributed for charitable purposes.

Naming of Beds

During the year the sum of £1,250 was received from Mrs. F. M. Farmer to name a bed in memory of her father, the late William Parsons.

The sum of £850 towards the naming of a bed has been received from the employees of the General Electric Company, Limited. They hope to complete the sum required within the next few months.

Legacies

The undernoted legacies were received during the year :

A. A. Jago, £250.

A. E. Hills, £10,000. This sum was credited to the Capital Account and has been used for the alterations and adaptations.

Members of the Board

Councillor W. H. Griggs, F.C.I.S., representing the Birmingham City Council, resigned, and Councillor James Williams took his place.

Mr. Arthur Keats, O.B.E., of Messrs. Fisher and Ludlow, Limited, was co-opted ; Mr. Allan S. Barnfield, O.B.E., resigned.

Shortage of Staff.

It is well known that there is an acute shortage of Doctors, of all grades of Nursing Staff and of Domestic help. The Hospital has felt the shortage of Nurses and Domestic Staff severely, but the shortage of Doctors has prevented the Hospital from undertaking the work for which it is equipped. The Central Medical War Committee, in view of its commitments to the Services, has been unable to allocate any more Doctors to the Hospital.

The Board appreciates the difficulties of the Committee, and while hoping for an early alleviation of the position, must point out to the public of Birmingham that the calls on the Hospital cannot be met adequately until more doctors are permitted to join the staff.

To economise the time of the staff and patients an appointments system is in operation for all returning patients. Only by the adoption of this system has the small medical staff been able to get through the immense

amount of work. To assist the doctors, patients are requested to attend at their allotted times. Lateness may prevent the patient from being seen by the doctors, who must of necessity work to a rigid time-table. On occasions emergencies interfere with the doctors' time-table and the understanding of the public is sought in such cases.

Thanks to Staff

The Board wishes to express appreciation and thanks to the whole of the staff, Medical, Nursing and Lay, with especial mention of the Clinical Director, Mr. William Gissane, for their work, particularly in view of the shortage of staff and the great developments in the Hospital, during the year 1944.

C. G. SPRAGG,
Chairman.

BALANCE SHEET

LIABILITIES.

1943. £		£	£
	I.—Creditors		
9944	Tradesmen, Expenses and Credit Balances		7126
16937	Lloyd's Bank, Ltd., Current Accounts (net)....	—	
	II.—Bed Endowment		
1500	Balance at December 31st, 1943		1500
	III.—Capital Account (see notes below)		
11370	Balance at December 31st, 1943	14325	
2798	Contributions during the year	11222	
157	Legacies during the year	10250	
—	City of Birmingham	5000	
—	Contributions received during the year for naming of Beds	2100	
14325		42897	
	Less Payments for Alterations and Additions		
24020	To December 31st, 1943 .....£24020		
	During 1944 11929		
		35949	
9695	*Debit*		6948
18686			15574

Notes

(i) A further £8,396 (Income Tax assumed as 10s.) is receivable over a future period under Deeds of Covenant.

(ii) There is an unascertained liability for work on alterations and additions not yet certified.

at 31st December, 1944.

ASSETS.

1943 £		£	£
	I.—Cash on Hand		75
	II.—Lloyd's Bank, Ltd.		
—	Current Accounts (net)	3509	
68	Superannuation Scheme	118	
			3627
	III.—Debtors		
1170	Income Tax recoverable	1560	
1058	Sundry Persons and Prepayments	2486	
10592	Ministry of Health	2553	
			6599
6600	**IV.—Stocks of Unissued Stores in Hand**	6728	
3200	Less Stock Reserve	3200	
3400			3528
	V.—Investment for Bed Endowment		
1500	3 per cent Savings Bonds, 1960/70 at cost		1500
898	**VI.—Accumulated Deficit on Income and Expenditure Account**		245
18686			15574

C. G. SPRAGG, *Chairman.*
W. L. BARROWS, *Honorary Treasurer.*
F. VINCENT EVERARD, *Chairman Finance Committee.*

REPORT OF THE AUDITORS TO THE MEMBERS OF THE BIRMINGHAM ACCIDENT HOSPITAL AND REHABILITATION CENTRE.

We have audited the Balance Sheet of the Birmingham Accident Hospital and Rehabilitation Centre, dated the 31st December, 1944, above set forth. We have obtained all the information and explanations we have required. In our opinion such Balance Sheet is properly drawn up so as to exhibit a true and correct view of the state of the Hospital's affairs, according to the best of our information and the explanations given to us, and as shown by the books of the Hospital.

CARTER AND CO.,
Chartered Accountants,
BIRMINGHAM.

6th February, 1945.

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR

INCOME

1943 £		£	£
	ORDINARY		
	I.—Voluntary Gifts		
	Subscriptions, etc.:		
2463	From Private Persons, etc.	3357	
17958	From Industry	19637	
10000	From City of Birmingham	10000	
153	From Hospital Sunday Fund	549	
173	Box Collections	188	
			33731
	II.—Receipts on Account of Services Rendered		
	(1) Contributions on Account of Services to Patients:		
11459	Birmingham Hospitals Contributory Association	12415	
916	Patients	2031	
421	Road Traffic Act Receipts	110	
561	Other Sources	—	
			14556
	(2) Other Receipts:		
11628	Ministry of Health	32994	
1174	Ministry of Health, per Birmingham Hospitals Contributory Association	1387	
31	Sundry Receipts	1	
			34382
	III.—Invested Properties		
—	Dividends		34
56937	TOTAL ORDINARY INCOME		82703
4092	Excess of Ordinary Expenditure over Ordinary Income		—
£61029	Carried Forward		£82703

1943 £	EXPENDITURE	£	
	ORDINARY		
6231	**I.—Provisions**		8475
	II.—Surgery and Dispensary		
932	Drugs, Chemicals, Disinfectants, etc.	986	
2321	Dressings, Bandages, etc.	3115	
714	Instruments and Appliances	1498	
225	Appliances for Patients	46	
2159	X-ray Films and Materials	1362	
2	Wines and Spirits	10	
299	Sundries	306	
—	Photographic Department, Materials	194	
6652			7517
	III.—Domestic		
840	Renewal and Repair of Furniture, Bedding, Crockery, etc.	2596	
1192	Laundry	1450	
332	Cleaning and Chandlery	797	
531	Water	592	
6544	Fuel, Lighting, Heat and Power	7961	
293	Uniforms	578	
60	Sundries	73	
9792			14047
	IV.—Salaries and Wages (Maintenance)		
5770	Medical	6663	
10392	Nursing	12882	
5037	Mechanics and Porters	6283	
739	Dispensary Staff	830	
3376	Domestic Servants	6243	
4440	Other Officers and Employees	5541	
29754			38442
£52429	Carried Forward		£68481

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR

1943 £		£	£
61029	Brought Forward		82703
£61029			£82703

Excess of Ordinary Income over Ordinary Expenditure	£2400
Excess of Income over Expenditure for the year 1944	653
Carried to Balance Sheet	245
	£898

THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1944.

1943 £		£	£
52429	Brought Forward		68481
	V.—Miscellaneous		
937	Printing, Stationery, Postages and Telephones	1348	
296	Advertisements	169	
284	Insurance of Buildings, Equipment, Stores, etc.	326	
1	Garden	7	
174	Sundries	363	
1692			2213
	VI.—Administration		
1861	Salaries	1965	
229	Printing, Stationery and Postages	277	
6	Advertisements	51	
63	Auditors' Fee	63	
61	Sundries	56	
—	Law Charges	13	
2220			2425
	VII.—Establishment		
1678	Renewals and Repairs to Buildings and Plant	4272	
1141	Painters' Wages	990	
219	A.R.P. Materials, Wages, etc.	47	
3038			5309
	VIII.—Finance		
272	Interest	259	
892	Appeals	1093	
294	Rates	304	
—	Rent	100	
192	War Damage Insurance	119	
1650			1875
61029	TOTAL ORDINARY EXPENDITURE		80303
—	Balance being excess of Ordinary Income over Ordinary Expenditure		2400
£61029			£82703
	Extraordinary Expenditure:		
	Ambulances	1	
	Instruments, Photographic Equipment, etc.	1746	
			1747
	Excess of Income over Expenditure for the year 1944		653
			£2400
	Accumulated Deficit to December 31st, 1943		898
			£898

STATISTICS

For the Year ended December 31st, 1944

Total number of New Accident Cases treated	**22,273**
Total number of Out-patient Attendances	**179,981**
Average daily Out-patient Attendances	**586**

IN-PATIENTS AND *DAY WARD CASES

1.—Beds :		
(a) Average daily number available	167	
(b) Average daily number reserved for E.M.S. Purposes (empty)	8	
(c) Average daily number closed.....	30	
(d) Average daily complement		205
(e) Average daily number occupied by In-patients..	131.2	
(f) Average daily number of Day Ward cases	5.5	
(g) Average daily number occupied		136.7
2.—Number of In-patients in the Hospital at the beginning of the year		103
3.—(a) Number of In-patients admitted during year		2,109
(b) Number of Day Ward cases during year		2,001
4.—Number of In-patients in the Hospital at 31st December		154
5.—Average number of Days each patient was resident.....		21.7

OUT-PATIENTS

1.—Total number of new Out-patients (including 2,001 Day Ward cases)	20,164
2.—Total number of Out-patient attendances	104,900

REHABILITATION DEPARTMENT

1.—Number of new patients treated	4,587
2.—Number of Out-patient attendances	75,081

SOCIAL SERVICE DEPARTMENT

1.—Total number of new patients interviewed by Almoners..	3,711
2.—Number of In-patients interviewed by Almoners.....	1,113

*Day Ward cases are patients admitted to a ward for anæsthetic, operation and recovery ; they are usually discharged within twenty-four hours.

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